

is gathered with regard to the health activities of the municipal and voluntary social service agencies. Studies are made of problems bearing on public health administration as well as on the work of hospitals, dispensaries, and other agencies dealing with the community relationships of medicine, and reports are issued. Some of these reports are available for distribution.

Bureau of Clinical Information. The Bureau is maintained by the Committee on Medical Education. It offers detailed information regarding opportunities for graduate medical study in New York and other cities of the United States and Canada. The Bureau has prepared a guide in which the opportunities for clinical study in the hospitals of the city are listed and described. It also publishes a daily bulletin of medical and surgical clinics of the city. Physicians are invited to make the Bureau their headquarters while in the city.

OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING

The opening of the new building of The New York Academy of Medicine on Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street was celebrated by a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on the evening of November 17 in honor of the newly-elected Honorary Fellows. Formal opening exercises were held at the new building on the next afternoon, followed in the evening by the presentation of the newly-elected Honorary Fellows, and the Carpenter Lecture by Professor Michael I. Pupin, of Columbia University. The Library was opened for consultation on the following morning, November 19, having been closed for the preceding ten days while the books were being moved from the old building on Forty-third Street.

THE DINNER

The banquet hall of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel was completely filled by the guests, when after the elaborate dinner had been disposed of Dr. George D. Stewart introduced as the first speaker Dr. Harvey W. Cushing, of Boston, surgeon-in-chief of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. Dr. Cushing spoke of the library as a factor in the medical field, giving a brief outline of the history of the Boston Medical Library Association, which was founded over

a hundred years ago. Dr. Stewart next introduced Hon. James J. Walker, Mayor of the City of New York, who said, among other things, that when it became necessary for him to appoint a Commissioner of Health he consulted the Academy of Medicine. Dr. George E. de Schweinitz, professor of ophthalmology, University of Pennsylvania, spoke as a representative of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Dr. William Sydney Thayer, professor emeritus, Johns Hopkins University, pictured the emotions which would be felt by Laennec, the anniversary of whose birth happened to coincide with this celebration, if it were possible for his spirit to take part in these festivities. Sir Ewan John McLean, professor of obstetrics, University of Wales, Cardiff, spoke briefly as the representative of the British Medical Association.

FORMAL OPENING

The formal opening of the new building on the afternoon of November 18 began with an invocation by the Reverend Henry Sloane Coffin. The president of the Academy, Dr. Samuel A. Brown, presented a brief address on "The Services of the Academy in Medical Progress," and Dr. Arthur B. Duel, chairman of the building committee, reviewed the building of the Academy. An informal reception followed, tea being served and the guests invited to inspect the building.

In the evening Honorary Fellowships were conferred on the Honorary Fellows, the citations being read by Dr. Linsly R. Williams, director.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

At a Stated Meeting of the Academy held December 2, the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws proposed at the Stated Meeting of November 4, were adopted. The amendments are as follows:

Article VI, Section 2a, of the Constitution: The Committee on Library shall consist of five members, each one of whom shall be elected for a term of five years, one retiring and one being elected each year.

2b. The Committee on Admission shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years, three retiring and three being elected each year.